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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-14 and 16-48 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants cancel claim 1, amend claims 2, 5, 6, 8-10 and 22-26, and add new claims 31-48.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 16-21 and 27-30 are allowed, and that claims 2-7 and 10-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 22, 23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaitila et al. (U.S. 6,788,170). Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaitila et al. in view of Ella (U.S. 5,910,756).

Allowable claims 2, 5 and 6 have been amended to be in independent form including all of the features of originally filed claim 1, and allowable claim 10 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the features of originally filed claims 1 and 8. Since the Examiner indicated that originally filed claims 2, 5, 6 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features recited in originally filed claim 1 and any intervening claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 5, 6 and 10, as amended, are allowable.

Claims 8 and 22-26 have been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claims 9 and 12-14 have been amended to depend upon claim 10. New claims 31-48 correspond to claims 12-14 and 22-26, and depend upon claims 5, 6 and 10.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 5, 6 and 10 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 11-14, 22-26 and 31-48 depend upon claims 2, 5, 6 and 10, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claims 2, 5, 6 and 10 are allowable. In addition, claim 17 is allowed as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 16, 18-21 and 27-30 depend upon allowed claim 17, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 17 is allowable.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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